

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ROMAN VALDMA

Case No.

**03 CR 10353 WGY**

8 U.S.C. §1328 --

Importation of Aliens For Immoral Purpose

18 U.S.C. §2421 --

Transportation for Illegal Sexual Activity

18 U.S.C. §2422 --

Persuading and Enticing Illegal Sexual  
Activity

8 U.S.C. §1324 --

Encouraging and Inducing Aliens to Come  
To United States in Violation of Law

8 U.S.C. §1324(a)(2)(B)(ii) --

Bringing Alien to United States Without  
Official Authorization for Commercial  
Advantage

18 U.S.C. §1546(a) --

Visa Fraud

18 U.S.C. §2 --

Causing and Aiding and Abetting

18 U.S.C. §§981, 982; 21 U.S.C. §2253;

28 U.S.C. §2461; 8 U.S.C. §1324 --

Criminal Forfeiture

**INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury charges that:

**INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS**

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

1. ROMAN VALDMA, an Estonian national, was a naturalized citizen of the United

States, residing in Brighton, Massachusetts.

2. ROMAN VALDMA operated an erotic massage business at two locations in Brighton, Massachusetts, in which his clients received erotic massages with a “special ending.” ROMAN VALDMA generated the clientele for his erotic massage business, set the price structure for the massages provided, and divided the proceeds from each massage with the women who provided the massages.
3. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 272, Section 53A makes it a crime for any person to engage, agree to engage, or offer to engage in sexual conduct with another person in return for a fee, and also makes it a crime to pay or offer to pay another person to engage in sexual conduct.
4. ROMAN VALDMA, directly and indirectly, recruited young women from Estonia to come to the United States to work in his erotic massage business. VALDMA did not disclose to most of these women the erotic nature of the massages they would be required to perform until after they had arrived in the United States.
5. VALDMA assisted these Estonian women in securing visas to enter the United States by instructing them, directly and indirectly, to provide false information on their visa applications about the purpose of their trip to the United States and whether they intended to work in the United States. In addition, VALDMA instructed these women, directly and indirectly, to provide false information on their visa applications about their current place of employment in Estonia and current position at that place of employment. VALDMA also assisted the women, directly and indirectly, in obtaining false documentation to verify their claimed employment in Estonia.

6. VALDMA, directly and indirectly, paid the airfare for the women he hired for his erotic massage business to travel from Estonia to the United States. He then required these women to repay him for the cost of their airline tickets out of the proceeds from the erotic massages they provided.

**COUNTS ONE -- FIVE: Title 8, United States Code, Section 1328 --  
Importation of Alien for Immoral Purpose**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

7. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates herein by reference paragraphs 1-4 and 6 of this Indictment in their entirety.

8. On or about the dates listed below, in the District of Massachusetts,

**ROMAN VALDMA**

the defendant herein, directly and indirectly, attempted to and did import into the United States an alien for immoral purposes, to wit, a violation of Mass. Gen. Laws, ch. 272, §53A.

<u>Count</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Alien</u>
One	July 13, 1999	Female 1
Two	December 1, 1999	Female 2
Three	February 21, 2000	Female 3
Four	February 14, 2003	Female 4
Five	May 29, 2003	Female 6

All in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1328 and Title 18 U.S.C. Section

2.

**COUNT SIX:**           **Title 18, United States Code, Section 2421 --**  
                                  **Transportation for Illegal Sexual Activity**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

9. On or about March 10, 2003, in the District of Massachusetts,

ROMAN VALDMA

the defendant herein, knowingly transported an individual, designated "Female 5" herein, in interstate commerce from the State of New York to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with intent that such individual engage in sexual activity for which a person can be charged with a criminal offense under Mass. Gen. Laws, ch. 272, §53A.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2421.

**COUNTS SEVEN-EIGHT: Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2422 and 2--  
Persuading and Enticing Another to Engage in Illegal Sexual  
Activity; Aiding and Abetting**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

10. On or about the dates set forth below, in the District of Massachusetts and elsewhere,

ROMAN VALDMA

the defendant herein, knowingly attempted to and did persuade, induce, entice, and coerce an individual, designated below, to travel in foreign commerce from Estonia to the United States to engage in sexual activity for which a person can be charged with a criminal offense under Mass. Gen. Laws, ch. 272, §53A.

<u>Count</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Individual</u>
Seven	June-July, 1999	Female 1
Eight	February-July, 2003	Female 6

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2422 and 2.

**COUNT NINE: Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2422 and 2 --  
Persuading and Enticing Another to Engage in Illegal Sexual  
Activity; Aiding and Abetting**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

11. In or about June and July, 2003, in the District of Massachusetts,

ROMAN VALDMA

the defendant herein, knowingly attempted to and did persuade, induce, entice, and coerce an individual, designated "Female 7" herein, to travel in interstate commerce from the State of Florida to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to engage in sexual activity for which a person can be charged with a criminal offense under Mass. Gen. Laws, ch. 272, §53A.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2422 and 2.

**COUNTS TEN – THIRTEEN:**      **Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1546(a) and 2 --  
Visa Fraud and Aiding and Abetting**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

12. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates herein by reference paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Indictment in its entirety.

13. On or about the dates set forth below, in the District of Massachusetts and elsewhere,

ROMAN VALDMA

the defendant herein, aided and abetted the individuals set forth below to use, attempt to use, possess, obtain, accept and receive a document prescribed by statute or regulation for entry into the United States, to wit: a non-immigrant visa for the United States, knowing it to have been procured by means of a false claim or statement and to have been otherwise procured by fraud and unlawfully obtained.

<u>Count</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>False Statements in Visa Application</u>
Ten	July, 1999	Female 1	Place of Employment Purpose of Trip No Intention to Work
Eleven	November, 1999	Female 2	Place of Employment No Intention to Work
Twelve	January, 2002	Female 3	Place of Employment Purpose of Trip No Intention to Work
Thirteen	January, 2003	Female 4	Place of Employment Purpose of Trip No Intention to Work

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1546(a) and 2.

**COUNTS FOURTEEN – EIGHTEEN: Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(iv); Title 18 United States Code, Section 2 – Encouraging and Inducing Aliens to Come to the United States in Violation of Law; Aiding and Abetting**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

14. On or about the dates set forth below, in the District of Massachusetts and elsewhere,

ROMAN VALDMA

the defendant herein, did encourage and induce an alien, to come to, enter, and reside in the United States, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that such coming to, entry, and residence was or would be in violation of law.

<u>Count</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Alien</u>
Fourteen	June-July, 1999	Female 1
Fifteen	November-December, 1999	Female 2
Sixteen	June, 2001-January 2002	Female 3
Seventeen	January-February, 2003	Female 4
Eighteen	February-May, 2003	Female 6

All in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(iv) and Title 18, United States Code Section 2.



**COUNTS NINETEEN – TWENTY-THREE: Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(2)(B)(ii); Title 18, United States Code, Section 2 -- Bringing Aliens to the United States Without Official Authorization for Commercial Advantage ; Aiding and Abetting**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

15. On or about the dates set forth below, in the District of Massachusetts,

ROMAN VALDMA

the defendant herein, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that an alien had not received prior official authorization to come to, enter and reside in the United States, did bring to the United States in any manner whatsoever, such alien for the purpose of commercial advantage and private financial gain.

<u>Count</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Alien</u>
Nineteen	July 13, 1999	Female 1
Twenty	December 1, 1999	Female 2
Twenty One	February 21, 2002	Female 3
Twenty Two	February 14, 2003	Female 4
Twenty Three	May 29, 2003	Female 6

All in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(2)(B)(ii) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2 .

**FIRST FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: 18 U.S.C. §981(a)(1)(C), 28 U.S.C. §2461 --**  
**Criminal Forfeiture**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

16. As a result of committing one or more of the offenses alleged in Counts One through Five of this Indictment, charging Importation of Alien for Immoral Purposes, in violation of 8 U.S.C. §1328,

**ROMAN VALDMA**

defendant herein, upon conviction, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §981(a)(1)(C) (incorporating 18 U.S.C. §1956 and 18 U.S.C. §1961) and 28 U.S.C. §2461, any and all property constituting or derived from any proceeds traceable to the violation.

Such property includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) \$500,000 in United States currency;
- (b) One 2003 silver Acura model MDX bearing Massachusetts Registration number 59PV19, and Vehicle Identification Number 2HNYD18863H506272 which is registered to ROMAN VALDMA;
- (c) Real property described as follows:
  - (i) 137 Chiswick Road, #2, Brighton, Massachusetts --

Unit number 137-2 in the 137-141 Chiswick Condominium created by Master Deed dated January 21, 1987 and recorded with the Suffolk Registry of Deeds at Book 13372, Page 218, as amended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c 183A, and shown on a plan recorded in said Registry of Deeds therewith;

The Units consists of an area of 1,121 square feet and parking space numbers 10 and 11, and is laid out on the floor plan filed with the Master Deed. It further consists of a 6.3% interest in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium, as described in the Master Deed and in the 137-141 Chiswick Condominium Truth, recorded with said Registry of Deeds at Book 13372, Page 234, as amended.

Being the same premises conveyed to Roman Valdma by Deed of Robert

A. Fabricant dated October 23, 1996 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, Book 20968, Page 266.

(ii) 2 Larose Place, Apartment 25, Brighton, Massachusetts –

Unit number 25 of Ridgemont Condominium, created by Master Deed dated June 28, 1982 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 9980, Page 48 and by confirmatory Master Deed dated April 24, 1984, recorded with said Deeds, Book 10886, Page 1, in according with the provisions of G.L. Ch 183A, and shown on a plan recorded in said Registry of Deeds therewith;

The Unit contains an area of 2,064 square feet and Parking Space 25, and is shown on the floor plan filed simultaneously with the Master Deed and to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided for in G.L. Ch. 183A, Sec. 9;

The Unit further contains a 11.30% interest in the common areas and facilities of said Condominium as described in the Master Deed and in the Ridgemont Condominium recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Book 10886, Page 1.

Being the same premises conveyed to Roman Valdma by Deed of Florencia Maria Hito of the Two Larose Place Realty Trust dated August 1, 2001 and recorded in Suffolk Registry of Deeds, Book 26783, Page 22.

17. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
- (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §853(p), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. §2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the above

forfeitable property,

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C.  
§2461.

**SECOND FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: 18 U.S.C. §2253 -- Criminal Forfeiture**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

18. As a result of committing one or more of the offenses alleged in Counts Six, Seven, Eight, and Nine of this Indictment, charging Transportation for Illegal Sexual Activity and Persuading and Enticing Illegal Sexual Activity, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §2421 and 18 U.S.C. §2422,

**ROMAN VALDMA**

defendant herein, upon conviction, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §2253: (1) any and all property, real or personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds obtained from such offense; and (2) any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of such offense.

Such property includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) \$500,000 in United States currency;
- (b) One 2003 silver Acura model MDX bearing Massachusetts Registration number 59PV19, and Vehicle Identification Number 2HNYD18863H506272 which is registered to ROMAN VALDMA;
- (c) Real property described as follows:
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The Units consists of an area of 1,121 square feet and parking space numbers 10 and 11, and is laid out on the floor plan filed with the Master Deed. It further consists of a 6.3% interest in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium, as described in the Master Deed and in the 137-141 Chiswick Condominium Truth, recorded with said Registry of Deeds at Book 13372, Page 234, as amended.

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The Unit contains an area of 2,064 square feet and Parking Space 25, and is shown on the floor plan filed simultaneously with the Master Deed and to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided for in G.L. Ch. 183A, Sec. 9;

The Unit further contains a 11.30% interest in the common areas and facilities of said Condominium as described in the Master Deed and in the Ridgemont Condominium recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Book 10886, Page 1.

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19. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
- (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §2253(o), to seek forfeiture of any

other property of the defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property,

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 2253.

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §853(p), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. §982(b), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property,

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(6)(a)(i) and (ii).



**FOURTH FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: 18 U.S.C. 982(a)(6), 8 U.S.C. §1324(b) and 28 U.S.C. §2461 -- Criminal Forfeiture**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

22. As a result of committing one or more of the offenses alleged in Counts Fourteen through Twenty-Three of this Indictment, charging Encouraging and Inducing Aliens to Come to the United States in Violation of Law and Bringing Aliens to the United States Without Official Authorization for Commercial Advantage, in violation of 8 U.S.C. §§1324(a)(1)(A)(iv) and 1324(a)(2)(B)(ii),

**ROMAN VALDMA**

defendant herein, upon conviction, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 982(a)(6) and/or 8 U.S.C. §1324(b) and 28 U.S.C. §2461, any conveyance, including any vessel, vehicle or aircraft used in the commission of the offense, the gross proceeds of such violation, any property traceable to such conveyance or proceeds; and any property, real or personal, that constitutes or is derived from, or is traceable to the proceeds obtained directly or indirectly from the commission of the offense; or that is used to facilitate, or is intended to be used to facilitate, the commission of the offense.

Such property includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) \$500,000 in United States currency;
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(a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;

**Criminal Case Cover Sheet**

**U.S. District Court - District of Massachusetts**

Place of Offense: \_\_\_\_\_ Category No. II Investigating Agency DSS

City Brighton Related Case Information:

County Suffolk Superseding Ind./ Inf. \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Same Defendant X New Defendant \_\_\_\_\_  
Magistrate Judge Case Number 03-882-MBB  
Search Warrant Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
R 20/R 40 from District of \_\_\_\_\_

**Defendant Information:**

Defendant Name Valdma, Roman Juvenile ☐ Yes ☒ No

Alias Name N/A

Address 2 Larose Street, Apt. 25, Brighton, MA

Birth date: -/-/66 SS#: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M Race: Caucasian Nationality: Estonian

Defense Counsel if known: Thomas Butters Address: One Exeter Plaza  
Boston, MA 02116

Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Attorney Information:**

AUSA Emily Schulman/Kim West Bar Number if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Interpreter: ☐ Yes ☒ No List language and/or dialect: \_\_\_\_\_

Matter to be SEALED: ☒ Yes ☐ No

☒ Warrant Requested ☐ Regular Process ☐ In Custody

**Location Status:**

Arrest Date: August 5, 2003

☐ Already in Federal Custody as \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Already in State Custody \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Serving Sentence ☐ Awaiting Trial  
☒ On Pretrial Release: Ordered by Bowler on August 7, 2003

Charging Document: ☐ Complaint ☐ Information ☒ Indictment

Total # of Counts: ☐ Petty \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Misdemeanor \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ Felony 23

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☒ I hereby certify that the case numbers of any prior proceedings before a Magistrate Judge are accurately set forth above.

Date: 11/19/03 Signature of AUSA: Emily Schulman

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Name of Defendant Roman Valdma

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Defendant** Roman Valdma

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